

PN Exam Transition Work Group Meeting Minutes: October 2, 2020

Attendees

Sandra DeLuca, June Mac-Donald Jenkins, Tania Pynn, Lise Bonin, Wendy Ellis, Silvana MacDonald, Donna Rawlin

Regrets

Anne Marie Shin, Erin Tilley

Welcome and introductions

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.

Pandemic check-in

Each participant shared their experiences with Fall start up, sharing that all programs have resumed using a hybrid model for delivery, using virtual and in-person classes. Student clinical placements have resumed, but some geographic areas are still struggling to find placements that meet their program needs.

Field-testing update

NCSBN has resumed field testing for the REx-PN exam, providing options for virtual and on-site testing based on individual program preference. Several programs have already agreed to participate between October and December 2020. Thank you to everyone for your participation and support to date!

Academic webinars update

Three 1-hour academic webinars are being offered by NCSBN on October 7, 8 and 19, 2020. Sessions will review the RPN practice analysis and REx-PN test plan, item writing and CAT (computerized adaptive testing). Flyers were emailed to all PN programs so PN faculty could register. The sessions will run together with BC faculty. Each session will be recorded and available online for future viewing. Additional workshops with more hands-on interactive item writing are still being planned for Spring/Fall 2021.

IRP (Item-writing panel) recruitment

NCSBN will be hosting virtual item-writing panels in November 2020. Volunteers must be RPNs, RNs or NPs with a minimum of two years experience and who are familiar with novice RPN scope of practice expectations. Any interested volunteers are encouraged to [check our website](#) and contact us for more information.

Preparatory materials for applicants writing REx-PN

Options for prep material development were discussed, including the need to develop materials in both French and English.

Next meeting

Friday, November 20, 2020, 11 a.m. – 12 noon